

# 1515.—Uniform—Badges and Buttons—Free Issues to Naval Ratings, Royal Marines and W.R.N.S. Ratings

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Naval and W.R.N.S. ratings and Royal Marines who are required to change their badges and buttons on advancement in rating or rank, or in specialist or technical qualification, and on qualifying for good conduct, skill and other special badges are to be given free issues of these articles, as set out in the Appendices to this Order. The free issues specified in the Appendices are designed to provide for all such changes of badges and buttons on articles of uniform provided in the compulsory kit of the rating or other rank concerned.

2. Free issues of badges and buttons under these arrangements are to be made on first advancement only. A second issue is not to be made on re-advancement following disrating, reversion, etc. Replacement of worn articles, or requirements for wear on new uniform suits, are to continue to be provided by ratings and Royal Marines from Kit Upkeep Allowance.

3. Free issues under these arrangements are to be taken off charge in the clothing account on Form S.105, and are to be noted in ratings' pay books (Form S.43a), and on Royal Marines' Kit History Sheets (Form R.48a).

4. Arrangements are being made to provide stocks of the undermentioned badges for wear by Royal Marines and further instructions will be issued when these badges are available :—

| <i>Vocabulary Number</i> |                              | <i>For wear by</i>                                                                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 35923                    | Crown Lyre and Wreath G.M.   | Bandmaster                                                                           |
| 35921                    | Crown in Wreath G.M.         | Quartermaster Sergeant and Staff Bandmaster                                          |
| 35920                    | Royal Arms G.M.              | } Regimental Sergeants Major                                                         |
| 86920                    | Royal Arms Khaki on Khaki    |                                                                                      |
| 35930                    | Chevrons White Tape on Khaki | Lance Corporal                                                                       |
|                          | Drill One Bar                |                                                                                      |
| 35931                    | Chevrons White Tape on Khaki | } Corporal                                                                           |
|                          | Drill Two Bar                |                                                                                      |
| 35932                    | Chevrons White Tape on Khaki | } Colour Sergeant and Sergeant                                                       |
|                          | Drill Three Bar              |                                                                                      |
| 35922                    | Crown, White on Khaki Drill  | Colour Sergeant                                                                      |
| 35928                    | Straps, Wrist, Leather       | Regimental Sergeants Major, Quartermaster Sergeants, Staff Bandmaster and Bandmaster |

5. The free issues authorised in this Order replace those authorised for W.R.N.S. ratings in B.R. 1077, Chapter 13, Articles 242 (i) and 243, which will be amended in due course.

6. B.R. 93 will be amended.

## APPENDIX A—NAVAL RATINGS

|                         | <i>Type of Badge</i>                            | <i>Number to be issued</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| I. On advancement to :— |                                                 |                            |
| (a) Leading Rate        | } Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate. | 2 No. Red.                 |
| (b) Acting P.O.         |                                                 | 4 No. Blue.*               |

*Additional issues are to be made as follows to :—*

|                                                               |                                               |                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i) Ratings serving on stations where tropical dress is worn. | Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate. | 2 No. Blue.*                                                          |
| (ii) Ratings with overalls in compulsory kit.                 | Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate. | 1 or 2 No. Blue* (according to number of overalls in compulsory kit). |

APPENDIX A—*contd.*

## Type of Badge

## Number to be issued

(b) *On qualifying for Skill Badges.*

(e.g., Boy Marksmen and Boy Coxswain.)

Appropriate skill badge.

2 No. Red.  
2 No. Blue.\**Note.*—\* Blue badges issued free under these arrangements are to be of the printed pattern.

## APPENDIX B—ROYAL MARINES

## Type of Badge

## Number to be issued

## Royal Marines (except R.M. Band Service)

I. *On advancement to :*

|                               |         |                                                                 |                       |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Lance Corporal            | .. .. . | } Sets of Chevrons, 1, 2 or 3 bar, as appropriate. Crown.. .. . | 1 No. Gold.           |
| (b) Corporal                  | .. .. . |                                                                 | 1 No. Red.            |
| (c) Sergeant                  | .. .. . |                                                                 | 5 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (d) Colour Sergeant           | .. .. . |                                                                 |                       |
| (e) Quartermaster Sergeant    | .. .. . | Crown in Wreath                                                 | 2 No. Gold.           |
| (f) Regimental Sergeant Major | .. .. . | Royal Arms                                                      | 5 No. Khaki on Khaki. |

*Additional issues are to be made as follows to :—*

|                                                                                                                                               |         |                            |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (i) Sergeants                                                                                                                                 | .. .. . | Globe and Laurel, gilt     | 4 No.                            |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Letters R.M., gilt         | 6 No.                            |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Globe and Laurel           | .. .. .                          |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Lion and Crown, gilt       | 2 No.                            |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Buttons, R.M., gilt, large | 20 No.                           |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Buttons, R.M., gilt, small | 19 No.                           |
| (ii) Quartermaster Sergeants                                                                                                                  | .. .. . | Globe and Laurel, gilt     | 2 No.                            |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Lion and Crown, gilt       | 2 No.                            |
| (iii) Cook N.C.Os.                                                                                                                            | .. .. . | Rank badges as appropriate | 3 No. Red.                       |
| (iv) N.C.Os. serving abroad                                                                                                                   |         |                            |                                  |
| (a) Colour Sergeants and below (except Commando N.C.Os.)                                                                                      | .. .. . | Rank badges as appropriate | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill.      |
|                                                                                                                                               |         |                            | 3 No. White Tape on Khaki Drill. |
| Sergeants (except Commando N.C.Os.)                                                                                                           | .. .. . | Buttons, R.M., gilt, large | 15 No.                           |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Buttons, R.M., gilt, small | 12 No.                           |
| Commando N.C.Os.                                                                                                                              | .. .. . | Rank badges as appropriate | 6 No. White Tape on Khaki Drill. |
| (b) Regimental Sergeants Major and Quartermaster Sergeants                                                                                    | .. .. . | Rank badges as appropriate | 3 No. G.M.                       |
|                                                                                                                                               |         | Wrist strap, leather       | 1 No.                            |
| (v) N.C.Os. (Colour Sergeants and below) serving in sea-going ships or Fleet establishments abroad (except Cook N.C.Os. and Commando N.C.Os.) | .. .. . | Rank badges as appropriate | 2 No. Red.                       |

II. *Royal Marines Band Service**On advancement to :—*

|                      |         |                                              |                       |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Band Corporal    | .. .. . | } Set of Chevrons, 2 or 3 bar as appropriate | 1 No. Gold.           |
| (b) Band Sergeant    | .. .. . |                                              | 1 No. Red.            |
|                      |         |                                              | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (c) Bandmaster       | .. .. . | Lyre, Wreath and Crown                       | 2 No. Gold.           |
| (d) Staff Bandmaster | .. .. . | Crown in Wreath                              | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki. |

## APPENDIX B—contd.

|                                                                                                          |                            | Type of Badge                                                   | Number to be issued                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>On appointment as :—</i>                                                                              |                            |                                                                 |                                      |
| (e) Staff Bandmaster of Staff Band                                                                       | 3                          | inverted Chevrons with lyre above                               | 2 No. Gold.<br>2 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (f) Drum Major .. .. .                                                                                   | Band Pattern Cap           | Badge as appropriate                                            | 2 No.                                |
|                                                                                                          | 4                          | inverted Chevrons with drum above                               | 2 No. Gold.<br>3 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (g) Bugle Major .. .. .                                                                                  | 4                          | inverted Chevrons with bugle above                              | 2 No. Gold.<br>3 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (h) Band Ranks appointed to Staff Bands                                                                  | Band Pattern Cap           | Badge as appropriate                                            | 2 No.                                |
| (i) Band Ranks appointed to Commando Brigade                                                             | 3                          | Rank badges as appropriate                                      | 2 No. Khaki on Khaki.                |
| <i>Additional issues are to be made as follows to :—</i>                                                 |                            |                                                                 |                                      |
| (i) Band Sergeants .. .. .                                                                               | Globe and Laurel, gilt     | 4 No.                                                           |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Letters R.M., gilt         | 6 No.                                                           |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Globe and Laurel           |                                                                 |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Lion and Crown, gilt       | 2 No.                                                           |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Buttons, R.M., gilt, large | 20 No.                                                          |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Buttons, R.M., gilt, small | 19 No.                                                          |                                      |
| (ii) Staff Bandmasters .. .. .                                                                           | Globe and Laurel, gilt     | 2 No.                                                           |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Lion and Crown, gilt..     | 2 No.                                                           |                                      |
| (iii) N.C.Os. serving abroad                                                                             |                            |                                                                 |                                      |
| (a) Band Sergeant and Band Corporal (except Commando Band N.C.Os.)                                       | Rank badges as appropriate | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill.<br>3 No. White Tape on Khaki Drill. |                                      |
| Band Sergeants (except Commando Band N.C.Os.)                                                            | Buttons, R.M., gilt, large | 15 No.                                                          |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Buttons, R.M., gilt, small | 12 No.                                                          |                                      |
| Commando Band N.C.Os.                                                                                    | Rank badges as appropriate | 6 No. White Tape on Khaki Drill.                                |                                      |
| (b) Bandmaster .. .. .                                                                                   | Lyre, Wreath and Crown     | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill.<br>1 No. G.M.                       |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Wrist strap leather ..     | 1 No.                                                           |                                      |
| (c) Staff Bandmaster .. .. .                                                                             | Crown in Wreath ..         | 3 No. G.M.                                                      |                                      |
|                                                                                                          | Wrist strap leather ..     | 1 No.                                                           |                                      |
| (iv) N.C.Os. (Band Sergeant and Band Corporal) serving in sea-going ships or Fleet establishments abroad | Rank badge as appropriate  | 2 No. Red.                                                      |                                      |

III. *On qualifying for Skill and other Specialist Badges*

|                                                   |                                       |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| (i) Marines, Musicians, Buglers and Boy Musicians | Appropriate skill or specialist badge | 2 No. Red or Yellow.<br>1 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| (ii) N.C.Os. .. .. .                              | Appropriate skill or specialist badge | 1 No. Red.<br>1 No. Khaki on Khaki.           |

*Additional issue to be made to N.C.Os. and men serving abroad (except Commando personnel)*

|                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Appropriate skill or specialist badge | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill. |
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## APPENDIX B—contd.

|                                                               | Type of Badge                      | Number to be issued                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IV. On award of the King's Badge                              | Royal Cypher<br>"G.R.V." in wreath | { 1 No. Gold.<br>1 No. Red.<br>1 No. Khaki on Khaki.<br>3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill. |
| Additional issue to be made to N.C.Os. and men serving abroad | Royal Cypher<br>"G.R.V." in wreath |                                                                                     |

## V. On award of Good Conduct Badges :—

|                                                                                |                     |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Marines, Musicians and Buglers                                                 | 1, 2 or 3 bar badge | 2 No. Red.<br>1 No. Khaki on Khaki. |
| Additional issues to be made to men serving abroad (except Commando personnel) | 1, 2 or 3 bar badge | 3 No. Khaki on Khaki Drill.         |

## APPENDIX C—W.R.N.S. RATINGS

|                                                                  | Type of Badge                                                                  | Number to be issued                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I. On advancement to :—                                          |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| (a) Leading Wren .. ..                                           | } Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate.<br>} Appropriate branch badge. | 3 No. Blue on Blue.                                                                                                                        |
| (b) P.O. Wren .. ..                                              |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| (c) Chief Wren .. ..                                             |                                                                                | 2 Prs. Blue on Blue.                                                                                                                       |
| Additional issues are to be made as follows to :—                |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| (i) Chief Wrens .. ..                                            | Hat badge, Chief Wren, for tricorne hat.                                       | 1 No.                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  | Buttons, gilt, $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. ..                                           | 12 No.                                                                                                                                     |
| (ii) P.O. Wrens .. ..                                            | Hat badge, P.O. Wren, for tricorne hat.                                        | 1 No.                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                  | Buttons, gilt, $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. ..                                           | 12 No.                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                  | Buttons, gilt, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. ..                                           | 8 No.                                                                                                                                      |
| (iii) Ratings serving on stations where white clothing is worn : |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| (a) Chief Wrens .. ..                                            | Appropriate branch badge.                                                      | 3 Prs. Blue on White.*                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                  | Hat badge, Chief Wren, for white hat.                                          | 1 No.                                                                                                                                      |
| (b) P.O. Wrens .. ..                                             | Hat badge, P.O. Wren, for white hat.                                           | 1 No.                                                                                                                                      |
| (c) P.O. Wrens and below                                         | Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate.                                  | 3 No. Blue on White badges, and additional issue of 5 or 6 badges, as necessary according to number of tropical shirts in compulsory kit.* |
| (iv) Ratings with overalls in compulsory kit.                    | Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate.                                  | 2 No. Blue on White.*                                                                                                                      |
| (v) Ratings with overalls on personal loan.                      | Leading or P.O. rating badge, as appropriate.                                  | Blue on White badges as necessary according to number of overalls on personal loan.*                                                       |